

**CHAPTER NO. 270**

**SENATE BILL NO. 840**

**By Blackburn**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1814

By Sargent

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 19 and Title 6, Chapter 21, relative to the authority of the city manager under the Uniform City Manager-Commission Charter.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-19-104, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

( ) The board of commissioners may by ordinance delegate to the city manager the authority to enter into binding contracts on behalf of the city, without specific board approval, in routine matters and matters having insubstantial long-term consequences. The ordinance shall enumerate the types of matters to which the city manager's authority extends and may place other limitations on the city manager's authority under this subsection. As used in this subsection, "routine matters and matters having insubstantial long-term consequences" means any contract for which expenditures during the fiscal year will be less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-21-108, is amended by inserting the following as item (9) and renumbering present item (9) accordingly:

(9) Execute contracts on behalf of the city when this authority is delegated to the city manager by ordinance; and

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 17, 1999**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 26th day of May 1999**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR